

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I have the pleasure once again to bring you an exciting and very interesting issue of the Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa (JSDA). This particular issue contains articles that deal extensively with socio-economic matters of many African countries and it also has many articles that shed some light on the natural resource management matters of African countries. The sustainability issues of countries such as Zimbabwe, Botswana, Ghana, Nigeria, Niger and Cameroon are tackled by the authors.

This particular issue of JSDA does justice to the argument that the concerns of sustainability and sustainable development are indeed multidisciplinary because you as a reader will easily find that the following disciplines/fields are represented in the issue: agriculture, biology, agronomy, economics, computer science, soil climatology, and public policy. This is truly an attempt in this issue to embrace and synthesize the natural and social sciences in an effort to generate policy relevant ideas to guide sustainable growth and development.

It is my strong belief that theoretical and applied perspectives must be the foci of JSDA and as such these papers sincerely portray the efforts to achieve our goal of multidisciplinary. Understanding of the scale and degree of human impacts on the environment is important in designing the mechanisms for environmental sustainability. Sustainability of natural resources and the environment is an imperative. The articles in this issue give the reader an overview of the central ideas, concepts and field work currently going on in Africa.

Your readership and comments are very much appreciated. Thank you for your friendship and loyalty.

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